

Department of Public Health
and Human Services

Section:
HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

Subject:
Dual Participation Commodities/ Food
Stamp Program

Supersedes: FMFS 201-9 (05/01/99)

References: 7 CFR 273.1; 7 CFR 253.7(3), 7 CFR 281.1 (C) 7 CFR 281.7a

- GENERAL RULE -- An individual cannot participate in the Food Stamp Program in any month when he/she has received benefits in another state or commodities from the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR).

EXCEPTION: Current certified food stamp household members who enter a designated abuse shelter may apply and be eligible for food stamp benefits in the same month provided that the original certified household contained the abuser. Abuse shelter residents may receive an additional benefit as a separate household only once a month.

Households certified in either FDPIR or the Food Stamp Program on the first day of the month can only receive benefits in the program for which they are currently certified for the month.

- **Example:** Household consisting of Mom, Dad and two children, apply for food stamps in November. Dad is the only member who received commodities for November and requested his commodities case close the end of November. When processing the application for November, Dad is not included (coded 'OU') in the assistance unit. The OPA Case Manager processes the application for Mom and the children for November benefits. Mom, Dad and their two children must all be included in the benefit determination for December.

RESERVATION AND ADJACENT COUNTIES

Until an automated match can be instituted, the following procedure has been established to prevent and detect dual participation. Form DPHHS-FD-002 'Interagency Notice of Certification/Change of Program' must be sent to the FDPIR certification office at application, recertification, closure, or when a change in household composition is reported for the following:

1. A household residing on an Indian reservation; OR
2. A household residing in the service area for FDPIR, and there is a

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household member that is an enrolled tribal member of any tribe. The forms shall be sent to the FDPIR program on a weekly basis. A screen print of the HOSU TEAMS screen can be attached, so the demographic section does not have to be completed by the OPA Case Manager.

FDPIR SCOPE OF OPERATION

| RESERVATION | COUNTY | SERVICE AREA |
|--|---|--|
| Salish-Kootenai (Flathead) FDPIR Box 757 Saint Ignatius 59865 745-4115 | Missoula Lake Sanders Flathead | *Indian and non-Indian households within the exterior boundary of the Reservation. |
| Blackfeet FDPIR Box 3003 Browning 59417 338-7340 | Glacier Pondera | *Indian and non-Indian households within the exterior boundary of the Reservation. *Households with a least one enrolled tribal member (any tribe) living in Santa Rita, Cut Bank, Valier, Dupuyer or Summit. |
| Crow FDPIR 409 Crooke Hardin 59034 665-2523 | Big Horn Yellowstone Carbon | *Indian and non-Indian households within the exterior boundaries of the reservation. * Households with at least one enrolled tribal member (any tribe) who reside within five miles of the exterior boundary, excluding the portion which lies within the boundaries of the Northern Cheyenne Reservation. * Households residing within the municipal limits of the city of Hardin who have at least one enrolled tribal member (any tribe). |
| Fort Belknap Rural Route 1 Box 2728 Harlem 59526 353-2205 ext 485 | Blaine Phillips | *Indian and non-Indian households within the exterior boundaries of the reservation. * Households with at least one enrolled tribal member (any tribe) who reside in or near the communities of Harlem, Dodson, Zortman, Landusky, and Zurich. |

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| Fort Peck FDPIR Box 1027 Poplar 59255 768-5321 | Daniels Roosevelt Sheridan Valley Richland McCone | *Indian and non-Indian households within the exterior boundaries of the reservation. *Households with at least one enrolled tribal member (any tribe) who reside within twenty miles of the Reservation including those residing in or near communities of Nashua, Glasgow, Culbertson, Froid, or Medicine Lake. |
| Northern Cheyenne FDPIR Box 128 Lame Deer 59043 477-8278 | Big Horn Rosebud | *Indian and non-Indian households within the exterior boundaries of the reservation. *Households with at least one enrolled tribal member (any tribe) who reside within ten miles of the boundaries of the reservation, excluding those who reside within the boundaries of the Crow Reservation. |
| Rocky Boy FDPIR (Chippewa-Cree) Box 544 Rocky Boy Route Box Elder 59521 395-4315 | Chouteau Hill | *Indian and non-Indian households within the exterior boundaries of the reservation. *Households with at least one enrolled tribal member (any tribe) who reside in or near the community of Box Elder. |

OTHER COUNTIES

If the OPA Case Manager has reason to believe the applicant/recipient might be on the FDPIR program, he/she should phone the FDPIR program(s). The OPA Case Manager may also choose to send form DPHHS -FD- 002 to the FDPIR program.

INFORMATION FROM FDPIR

The FDPIR certification offices will send one of the following to the Office of Public Assistance (OPA) for the county in which the participant resides:

- ◆ A weekly list of all participants on FDPIR; or
- ◆ Weekly updates via Form DPHHS -FD-002 and a monthly list of all participants to the participant's county of residence.

OPA Case Managers should review the list and FD-002 forms to check for possible duplicates.

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PARTICIPATION**

If dual participation is identified other states, FDPIR and OPAs need to communicate to evaluate who will be responsible for pursuing the overpayment. Generally, the program that provided the duplicate benefit will be required to pursue repayment. Exceptions will be made when the participant failed to report a change in status timely or when the initial issuance site made an administrative error.

Example: Fort Peck Distribution Program certified the household in September. Commodities were provided in both September and October. In October the household applied in Richland County OPA and was approved for October food stamps. The OPA is required to pursue the repayment.

NOTE: If the household did not report receiving commodities on the application, a disqualification for intentional program violation (IPV) should be pursued. An individual disqualified for (IPV) from the Food Stamp Program is disqualified from not only the Food Stamp Program but also from receiving commodities from FDPIR.

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